



# Summer Reading

## Get Ready for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade!

Congratulations—you have completed 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and now it is time to prepare for 5<sup>th</sup> grade! At Union School, we know that although summer is a well-deserved break, summer learning loss can really set students back each August. However, students who read regularly over the summer return to school ready to continue their learning with little or no learning loss.

As always, we encourage our students to read a wide range of books this summer. However, to complete the summer reading assignment for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, students will need to choose at least one of the books from the list below. After reading the book, they will choose one of the projects to show what they have learned and prepare it for the first day of 5<sup>th</sup> grade! Students will be able to present their projects to their classmates and receive their first project grade of the year.

For your convenience, the titles that are available as Kindle e-books are hyperlinked.

Title	Author	Lexile Level	Pages
<a href="#">Number the Stars: A Newbery Award Winner</a>	Lois Lowry	670	140
<a href="#">Above World</a>	Jenn Reese	710	368
<a href="#">The Boy in the Striped Pajamas</a>	John Boyne	1000L	215

### Project Options:

**COMIC STRIP:** Turn your story into a comic! Be sure to include the title, author, important characters, and important events. You need to have at least ten frames with both writing and a picture in each one. ([Template](#)) ([Example](#))

**SCRAPBOOK:** Pretend that you are one of the characters in the story, and create a scrapbook of events from the character's point of view. Be sure to include pictures and other things that would have been important to that character. Your scrapbook will need to have at least ten pages with both writing and a picture on each page. ([Example](#))

**BOOK REVIEW:** Create a review of your book that could be posted on a website like Amazon or Goodreads. Include your opinion about what was good (or not) about the story, what type of people would like to read it, etc. Be sure to give it a rating (out of five stars). When you are finished, ask your parents if you can post it to the site! You need to write at least ten sentences. ([Template 1](#)) ([Template 2](#)) ([Example 1](#)) ([Example 2](#))

**BOOK TRAILER:** Create a “movie trailer” for your book in video form. It must be at least one minute long, but no longer than two and a half minutes. It should include the title and author, and introduce the setting, characters, and problem. Make sure the video is interesting so the viewers are excited to read the book! ([Helpful blog post with examples](#)) ([Filming Tips](#)) ([Example 1](#)) ([Example 2](#))

*\*You do not have to use the linked templates or examples, they are just there if you need ideas—be creative!*